

SERIAL NO. 10/627,847

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph because the additives were not included therein. Accordingly, these claims have been amended herein to define the additives more particularly. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) on Glogovsky. Accordingly, Applicant has submitted a 131 Declaration to swear behind the effective filing date of this reference. Reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) on Middlesworth. However, this reference does not teach incorporating a reinforcing material between two layers of the polyethylene composition to produce a single ply roofing membrane having the advantageous properties defined specifically in claim 1. The cold brittleness point, for example, is below minus 50°C (-50°C), which is unexpected from the reference, and decidedly advantageous from a commercial standpoint.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

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